

a low, south-facing cliff bank. This appears to be a new record for Cumbria and the first for VC70 Cumberland. There is no record for Cumbria of this bug in F.H. Day's list of the Heteroptera of Cumberland (1928, *Trans. Carlisle nat. Hist. Soc.* 4: 108-130) and there are no specimens from the county in the collections of F.H. Day, James Murray and G.B. Routledge in the Tullie House Museum at Carlisle.

According to Southwood and Leston (1959, *Land and water bugs of the British Isles*, Warne, p.114) *T. contractus* is widely distributed throughout Britain and is associated mainly with dry habitats.

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***Acalles roboris* Curtis (Col.: Curculionidae) in Cumbria and vice-county 70**

On 9th December 1994 I found two specimens of this notable (Nb) weevil in Talkin Head Wood (SSSI), Cumbria (NGR NY544.561). The beetles were sieved from a sample of leaf litter and general humus collected from the base of a few sessile oak trees growing on the side of a steep bank above the River Gelt. This would appear to be a new record of the weevil from vice-county 70, Cumberland. There are no specimens of *A. roboris* in the collections of local Coleoptera in the Tullie House Museum at Carlisle, and this species is not recorded in F.H. Day's list of Cumberland Coleoptera, (1923, *Trans. Carlisle nat. Hist. Soc.*, 3: 99-105). The weevil has been recorded from VC69, Westmorland and is known from two sites in the county: Roudsea Wood Nature Reserve (SD38) and Cunswick Scar (SD39).

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***Furcula bifida* Brahm (Lep.: Notodontidae) in Pembrokeshire**

The recent record of this species from Cardiganshire (Miles, *Ent. Rec. J. Var.* 106: 202) prompts me to report the occurrence of this locally distributed moth in the neighbouring county of Pembrokeshire, also during 1994, when a single example was attracted to m.v. light on 13th June at Blackpool Farm, Blackpool Mill (grid ref. SN061144). The distribution map provided in Heath & Emmet (1979, *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain & Ireland*, volume 9, Curwen) does not illustrate any records for *F. bifida* in Pembrokeshire, and neither have I been able to trace any recently published records for the county. I am indebted to Philip Miles and Dr M.R. Wilson (National Museum of Wales) who also checked for previous Pembrokeshire records on my behalf.— A.P. FOSTER, 61 Pittsfield, Cricklade, Swindon, Wiltshire SN6 6AW.